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Subject: FYI, notes from transboundary working group call - FYI only.

Here are my notes. No action for EPA at this time, however they did ask that I stay involved. MD

Unified Transboundary Working Group: Michelle's notes: Informal. Not for distribution. 4/21/14

Tribes must have resolutions for membership. Formed through resolution by Central Council of Tlingit and Haida at 2014 General Assembly. Other Tribes being invited, outreach to Canadian First Nations.

I raised the question of federal participation, possibly as guests. The group doesn't want to "water things down with too much federal participation" but they want EPA involved. Guy Archibald said "Cindy Godsey with EPA R-10 was on the advisory team, should be kept in the loop no matter what."

General discussion: When one Tribal Leader met with Gina McCarthy, at NCAI, she did not know about the KSM mine or issues on the Canadian side.

General discussion: Board nominations. Still in process. Separate notes: Richard Peterson from Organized Village of Kasaan is the new President of Central Council of Tlingit and Haida.

There is not much overlap between this group and this month's mining conference in Craig. The Craig conference is focused on proposed mining on POW Island.

Guest: Speaker Melanie Brown from Trout Unlimited. She is a Tribal member, worked hard on the Bristol Bay campaign. Spoke about telling their stories, and also about how important it is to have the facts available. Discussed the role of the scientists and how they all worked closely together.

Comment: Chris Zimmer, River's WO Borders; discussed Tulsequah Chief and working with a mine that is already permitted. They are expecting the permits in June.

From Kevin with the Gitanyow, who has to leave the call "It's very encouraging for Gitanyow that this group in Alaska has formed and is working together and willing to work with us. We have been a lone voice in Canada so far, but hopefully our ad in the Vancouver Sun on Apr 26 will start changing this. There is so much other development proposed right now in the northwest that the KSM project has gone unnoticed.

We have every intention of coming to Anchorage for May 9th and hope to further expand our involvement by meeting people in person.

I'm especially interested in the legalities and requirements around consultation between Canadian and BC governments, and industry, and First Nations in Alaska. Are there no legal requirements for transboundary consultation? Does your group have legal counsel with an understanding in transboundary First Nations law?

Thank you for allowing me to participate today and I will ask the Gitanyow Chiefs whether they want to have formal involvement with your working group.

Canadian Tribes will have a large ad in the Vancouver Sun, will have a statement of support from CCTHITA as well to increase public involvement/awareness.

DC Trip: Begich and Murkowski have both sent letters to State dept. asking them to pay attention to this. They met with J. Chase, and she is going to forward information on how to contact White House staffers. They also met with a group affiliated with NCAI, and are going to meet with AFN. Planning for a second trip. (btw, Metlakatla is participating in working group).

Working on follow up steps. Setting a date for the SE environmental conference, waiting for survey monkey results back....

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